

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL

PROGRAMMA SOGGIORNO LINGUISTICO

TORINO e dintorni

12-26 OTTOBRE 2024

(15 DAYS, 14 NIGHTS)



Saturday Oct. 12	<p>Arrival in Torino!</p> <p>Settle into the charming boutique Hotel Victoria, located in the historic city center. https://www.hotelvictoria-torino.com/en/</p> <p>17:00 Join us for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.</p>
Sunday Oct. 13	<p>Join us for a Pranzo della Domenica at <i>Ristorante da Mauro</i>.</p> <p>After lunch, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the city center, explore a museum, savor a Bicerin at a renowned Torino café, or unwind in the hotel's spa.</p>

<p>Monday Oct. 14</p>	<p>09:30-12:30 Scuola https://www.italianoporticando.com/en/home/index</p> <p>16:00 Enjoy a guided tour of the historic city center, followed by an Aperitivo.</p> <p>Turin is renowned for its Aperitivi, typically served after 18:00 in downtown bars. An Aperitivo often includes a choice of alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks accompanied by a generous assortment of savory appetizers. The tradition of aperitivo originated in Torino, where in 1786, Antonio Benedetto Carpano invented the modern version of Vermouth by blending Muscat wine with a selection of herbs and spices.</p>
<p>Tuesday Oct. 15</p>	<p>09:30-12:30 Scuola</p> <p>16:00 Experience a Chocolate Tasting Tour at the shop of Guido Gobino, a renowned artisan chocolate maker from Turin. https://guidogobino.com/en/</p>
<p>Wednesday Oct. 16</p>	<p>09:30- 12:30 Scuola</p> <p>14:30- 16:00 Attend a Special Session on the History of Cinema - Part One, focusing on Turin as the birthplace of Italian cinema, exploring neorealism and the cinematic landscape of the 60s and 70s. Level A2/B1</p> <p>19:30 Wine tasting and Dinner. <i>La Compagnia del Calice</i> https://www.lacompagnidelcalice.it/</p>
<p>Thursday Oct. 17</p>	<p>09:00- 12:30 Scuola</p> <p>14:30 Join a guided tour to the Mole Antonelliana, the city's iconic symbol, and explore the Museum of Cinema housed within. https://www.museocinema.it/en/museum-and-ma-prolo-foundation/mole-antonelliana</p>
<p>Friday Oct. 18</p>	<p>09:00- 12:30 Scuola</p> <p>Afternoon: Take time to explore Torino's exquisite shops, cafés, and museums on your own.</p>

Saturday Oct. 19	<p>09:00- 18:30 Embark on an all-day excursion with a private bus to the Langhe region, a UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its stunning landscapes and exceptional food and wine traditions. We will tour the villages of Barolo and La Morra, admiring the renowned rolling hills and vineyards. Our visit includes a stop for Pranzo at Trattoria delle Vigne in Diano d'Alba for a traditional Langhe meal. After lunch, we'll stroll through the historic vineyards of Grinzane di Cavour, then make a stop at the Cantine Sordo in Castiglione Falletto for wine tasting. The day concludes with a visit to Alba, the Langhe capital home of the white truffle.</p> <p>https://www.sordowines.com/</p>
Sunday Oct. 20	<p>Relax in the hotel's spa or visit on your own one of Turin's renowned museums like the Museo Egizio, Museo del Risorgimento, Museo dell'Automobile, Museo Lavazza del Caffè, Galleria d'Arte Moderna (GAM), or Accademia delle Scienze.</p> <p>Alternatively, explore one of the Royal Savoy Palaces such as Stupinigi or Villa della Regina, or historic churches like Chiesa della Consolata or Basilica di Superga.</p> <p>19:00 Experience a special Torino Pizza Night.</p>
Monday Oct. 21	<p>09:30- 12:30 Scuola</p> <p>Afternoon: Take time to independently explore Torino's exquisite shops, cafés, and museums.</p> <p>20:30 Evening Mystery walking tour. Discover the magical legacy of Torino, the most esoteric city in Italy.</p> <p>https://www.hostelsclub.com/en/magazine/esoteric-turin-an-itinerary-in-the-capital-of-magic</p>
Tuesday Oct. 22	<p>09:30-12:30 Scuola</p> <p>14:00. Join a guided tour of the Reggia of Venaria Reale, located just outside Turin. This grand residence, one of the largest of the Savoy Royal family in Piedmont, served as a model for the famous French palace of Versailles.</p> <p>https://lavenaria.it/en/visit</p>

<p>Wednesday Oct. 23</p>	<p>09:30-12:30 Scuola</p> <p>14:30 -16:00 Participate in a Special Session on the History of Italian Cinema: Part Two, focusing on the Italian Comedy, Italian Oscar-winning films, and Turin's role in cinema. Level A2/B1.</p> <p>19:30 Experience a special Torino Pizza Night.</p>
<p>Thursday Oct. 24</p>	<p>09:30 – 12:30 Scuola</p> <p>14:00 Embark on an excursion with a private bus to the Sacra di San Michele, a majestic 10th-century abbey, and a symbol of Piedmont. This monastery, steeped in beauty, spirituality, and mystery, offers breathtaking views of the Alps. It's famously known for inspiring Umberto Eco's bestseller 'The Name of the Rose'.</p> <p>Upon returning to Turin, there's an option to stop at Avigliana and stroll through its medieval town center.</p> <p>https://sacradisanmichele.com/en/</p>
<p>Friday Oct. 25</p>	<p>09:00 -12:00 Scuola</p> <p>Afternoon: Take time to explore Torino's exquisite shops, cafés, and museums on your own.</p> <p>19:30. Join us for a Farewell Dinner at <i>Ristorante da Mauro</i>.</p>
<p>Saturday Oct. 26</p>	<p>Departure</p>

The rate includes:

- *Accommodation* in a 4-star hotel in the historic city center, including buffet breakfast, access to the Iside Spa, minibar, and WiFi.
- 15 hours per week of *Italian language classes* for 2 weeks at L'Italiano Porticando, with didactic material included.
- *Cultural and Educational Activities:*
 - Two 1.5-hour special sessions on the History of Italian Cinema.
 - Guided tour of the historic city center with an Aperitivo.
 - Guided visit to the Museo del Cinema.
 - Museum tickets for the Sacra di San Michele, Cinema Museum, and Reggia di Venaria.
- *Culinary Experiences:*
 - Welcome reception
 - Pranzo di Benvenuto (Welcome Lunch).
 - Two pizza nights
 - Wine tasting with dinner in Torino
 - Chocolate tasting tour
 - Pranzo in Langhe
 - Wine Tasting in Langhe
 - Farewell dinner.
- *Excursions:*
 - Guided visit to the Sacra di San Michele with private bus transportation.
 - Day trip to the Langhe region, inclusive of guide, private bus, lunch (beverages not included), and wine tasting.
 - Evening Walking Tour.

RATES

Rates are per person.

Registration Fee: \$500 (non-refundable). This fee will be applied towards the total balance.

	DOUBLE occupancy	SINGLE occupancy
CLASSIC room	\$ 4,135	\$ 4,830
DELUXE room	\$ 4,370	\$ 5,140

- Rates include \$ 695 supplement fee for a single occupancy CLASSIC room, and \$ 850 supplement fee for a single occupancy DELUXE room.
- City Tax \$3.70 p/p/d included.

TIMELINE for payments

Registration for the trip opens on January 20, 2024

First half of the balance due by March 1st, 2024

Full balance due by June 15, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY

Payments are fully refundable if cancelled by June 30, though the registration fee is non-refundable. Cancellations received between July 1 and September 15 will be refunded at 50%. Unfortunately, there will be no reimbursement for trips cancelled after September 15, 2024. To cancel and receive a reimbursement, please notify astrid@theitalianculturalcenter.org.

INSURANCE

The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Italian school L'Italiano Porticando, its staff and tutors are not responsible for any injury, or loss or damages that may occur during the trip or during the language course. Participants in the trips are advised to take out all appropriate travel, medical and cancellation insurances prior to departure.

TRAVEL

The package does not include travel fares from the US to Torino. It is the obligation of the participant to ensure that he/she is in possession of a valid passport to enter Italy **within 6 months of expiration.**